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This is a good topic. What I'm getting from a combination of this thread and googling.:

Metal ferrules such as on bamboo:

Never wax. Be vigilant about cleaning, these are tight fitting ferrules and have to be perfect to work correctly, so extra care is required. dry q-tip is fine. If especially dirty, use some rubbing alcohol but be careful not to get it on the varnish of the bamboo itself. I did find one reference to using not wax, but lubricants, such as silicon grease or graphite powder, but using these means being even more vigilant about cleaning. Most stuck ferrules are the result of twisting when seating the ferrule, or else excess dirt, and lubricants in general are likely to increase this problem!

Tip over butt:

You'll hear people say each way. Generally, its not needed. However, proper use of waxes/lubricants will extend the life of the ferrule. But improper use will shorten the life of the ferrule.

If you don't use wax or lubricants, you still need to clean the ferrules periodically, male portion with a soft cloth and female portion with a q-tip. Rubbing alcohol is ok.

If you do wax, use something such as paraffin, candle, or beeswax. You must clean all of the wax off after every few uses and reapply. Otherwise it attracts dirt which will shorten the life of the ferrule. Other lubricants, like silicon grease, are preferable to wax but the same applies. Body/nose oil, and petroulem jelly (Vaseline) are used commonly but its a mistake, the oils especially attract dirt, and in some cases already contain it.

Haven't found anything regarding non-metal spigot ferrules, but it seems like the same should apply as tip over butt.